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Examiner Harold Joyce,
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Dear Examiner Joyce,

This is a letter to confirm our conversation of two weeks ago with reference to my patent application for a new air bag design for cars and trucks.

I currently have two patent applications submitted to you:

- 1) The first is for a roof vent design that limits the pressure difference across the roof of a building. I have just received a notice of publication of application. The application number is 10/068,935 the publication number is US-2003-0153261-A1. Does this mean that this patent has been granted?
- 2) The second application is for a new air bag design for cars and trucks. This is the application that we discussed in our phone conversation. The application number is 10/112,934. I explained that I had received a notice indicating that the application had been abandoned. I indicated that this was a surprise to me as I had no intention of abandoning the application and was waiting for a response from the U.S. patent office. The initial changes requested by the USPTO were for correction of margin size. These I made and resubmitted. Since then I have been waiting for any other responses. You indicated that a letter of final rejection had been sent to me and I explained that I had not received that. In our conversation you explained that you would retrieve the application from the abandoned files department and communicate to me by fax a status update. Also you indicated that you would speak with your supervisor about the situation and that I should not worry too much as in cases such as this there is usually no real problem sorting out the miscommunication. Due to the major hurricane that hit the island, phone and power lines have been out and fax attempts will not have reached me. The fax/phone lines are open now and I will also call just to follow up. Is there anything that I need to do to help the process?

Hope all is well, and I thank you for your time.

St. Jean Orridge



Dear Examiner Joyce,

I have had some problems exporting some of the diagrams from the documents. (Will not center or adjust in the new document.) Also I have changed computers recently and my latest version of the detailed description that I submitted to you initially will not open on this computer. This submission contains an older version of the detailed description and so there are some small text differences from the original submission. I am submitting this as is in order to meet the deadline. I do not know if it is possible to get further extensions, however if it is then I will happily take one as it will give me time to have a tech work further on opening the previous draft or make the changes line by line to this one. (Also to include page numbers, which the previously submitted {latest draft} has but this one does not.) In any event, thanks for the written guidance and hopefully this draft is closer to what is required.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "St. Jean Orridge".

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